replying by way of Italy This is to while away time that by coming and going he may thoroughly understand what is happening in England He was ordered by Don Chnstophoro Moro and Idiaques, the present rulers in Spain, to try by all means to kill Don Antonio, and there should be no lack of money or honour To sound them he asked what should be done if any were willing to kill the Queen, they replied that King Philip had often been desired to do it, but he hoped before her death to see the rum of her kingdom, and to have her in his hands, and would not therefore treat of her death

Andrada further reporteth that in many ports of Spam and Portugal forty galleons are building, stronger than the King ever had He has contracted with the Genoese at Madrid for forty Flemish ships, armed and victualled for six months, to be prepared at Antwerp and other free cities From Germany and Biscay are coming this winter quantities of gunpowder, cordage, masts, munitions, and victuals to Brittany, where the Kmg forms a magazine of ships, artillery and so forth, that province will furnish manners, and then they will assault England Don Juan, a captain of St Malo, intends to assault Jersey in September

20tb August A QUACK FIGURE CASTER

Robert Henlack has petitioned the Council for redress against certain men who robbed him He complains that while he was absent in the night a confederacy of certain evil disposed persons broke open his chamber door in the house of one Isabel Piggott in Thames Street and took away goods and money to the value of ^400 Further, one Nathaniel Baxter hath since then

robbed him of *£12* more, pretending that by casting a figure he would help him to his goods and money again

2ist August THE QUEEN ON PROGRESS

On Saturday the I4th the Queen in her progress came from Farnham to Cowdray in Sussex, where she was royally entertained by the Lord Montague

As the Queen and her train came into sight about eight o'clock in the evening, they were greeted with loud music which ceased suddenly as soon as she came to the bridge Here a person in armour, standing between two porters carved out of